

Costed Evaluation Plan Serbia Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Serbia 3rd Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 6.2 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Output 1: Improved policies and accountability frameworks for integrating SRHR, including the prevention of and response to GBV into UHC policies and plans, and other relevant laws, policies ensuring equitable access and advancing demographic resilience, gender equality, and well-being for all generations. ● Output 2: Strengthened capacity of systems, institutions, and communities to deliver high-quality, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, and GBV services, ensuring accessibility, affordability, and availability, prioritizing those furthest behind. ● Output 3: Enhanced mechanisms and capacities of actors and institutions to address discriminatory gender and social norms, aiming to prevent gender-based violence, and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, youth, and marginalized groups in independent decision-making processes, while fostering a transformative approach that leverages population shifts as opportunities for sustainable development. ● Output 4: Strengthened data systems and evidence frameworks at national and local levels that integrate population changes and megatrends to inform interventions aimed at building demographic resilience.
Previous country programme evaluation	<p>Period covered: 2nd Country Programme (2021-2025)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2025</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Satisfactory</p>
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation of the upcoming country programme	<p>Serbia, classified as an upper-middle-income country, has been a candidate for European Union (EU) membership since 2012. The country is facing pronounced demographic shifts, including population decline, aging, and migration challenges. During the implementation of the second UNFPA country programme, Serbia has embraced the concept of demographic resilience, as promoted by UNFPA, which focuses on the capacity of a society to withstand and adapt to demographic changes while ensuring social and economic stability.</p> <p>As Serbia continues to make significant progress toward full EU membership and aims to achieve high-income country status, it will be important to evaluate the effects of UNFPA's efforts in the coming years. Given the anticipated milestones in Serbia's EU integration and demographic landscape, conducting a comprehensive evaluation around 2029 or 2030 will be essential. This future evaluation will provide insights to inform the direction of the Country Programme Document (CPD) beyond 2030, ensuring that UNFPA's strategies remain aligned with Serbia's evolving demographic needs and EU accession goals.</p>

Evaluations

Evaluation title	Intended use of evaluation findings	Type of evaluation	Humanitarian evaluation (yes; partially; no)	Joint evaluation (yes; no), including partners where applicable	Programme/ project budget in US\$	Evaluation estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager
Country Programme Evaluation (3rd cycle, 2026-2030)	Inform the design of the new country programme; refine the targeting of strategies and interventions under the new country programme, ensuring they reach and benefit the furthest left-behind groups; determine the scale up or discontinuation of strategies and interventions under the new country programme; inform decision-making and the strategic positioning of UNFPA in the country; enhance accountability towards the national government, donors, and rights holders	Country programme evaluation (CPE)	No	No	6.2 million	70,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: October - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - August 2029	CO Programme Analyst / M&E focal point
United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2026-2030)	Inform the development of the next UNSDCF and its alignment with national needs and priorities; strengthen UNFPA's strategic positioning and added value within the UN Country Team; refine UNFPA's contributions within joint UN initiatives to maximize impact; enhance accountability to the national government, donors, and rights holders	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members,	Tbd by RCO	5,000 (RR) (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	January - December 2029	RCO with support of UN entities

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Evaluation Capacity Development						
Evaluation capacity development activity	Objectives of evaluation capacity development activity	Category of evaluation capacity development (internal; national)	Type of evaluation capacity development (individual; institutional; enabling environment)	Estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Targeted stakeholders
Participation in the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)-led cross-regional evaluation capacity building workshop	Develop the knowledge and skills of CO staff to plan, manage, conduct, disseminate and use a country programme evaluation	Internal	Individual	USD 3,400 (RR)	June 2028	CO Programme Analyst / M&E focal point